

## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

**1-1. Purpose.** This pamphlet is a companion document to Engineer Regulation (ER) 500-1-2, The Corps of Engineers Mobilization Planning and Execution System (CEMOPES) - Theater of Operations (TO). As a supporting Army major command (MACOM), it is not possible for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) commander to provide absolute guidance to USACE commanders on operating in the theater of operations. This pamphlet is intended to provide USACE subordinate commanders and their planning and functional staffs with a reference document to assist in preparing to support OCONUS military contingency operations at the operational level of war and within operations other than war (OOTW).

**1-2. Applicability.** This pamphlet applies to commands with missions to provide contingency support to OCONUS unified command commanders in chief (CINC) and their Army component commands in the conduct of operations outside of the United States and its territories.

**1-3. References.** See Appendix A.

**1-4. Scope.** This pamphlet addresses three major concepts:

a. **Theater Support.** Defines the USACE mission in support of the Army and Department of Defense and its functions in theater. This includes functional responsibilities of Headquarters (HQ), USACE and the USACE major subordinate command (MSC), districts and subordinate elements in theater.

b. **Command and Control.** Defines the command relationships between the supporting USACE element and the unified command, the Army component commander, the tactical corps and the Army MSCs in the communications zone (COMMZ) engineer organization. Variations of this traditional structure will cover support within the joint task force (JTF) and discussion of support to a combined task force (e.g., United Nations or North Atlantic Treaty Organization).

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c. Policies and Procedures. Defines the peacetime policies and procedures for development, review and maintenance of USACE theater support plans related to USACE MSCs and districts which support unified commands. In addition, it addresses USACE readiness programs (e.g., Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) and Theater Construction Management System (TCMS)), its rapid response capabilities (e.g., Contingency Real Estate Support Teams (CREST) and Water Detection Response Team (WDRT)) and maintenance and support requirements.